

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Status

- Poor weather and seas continues to impact operations. Thirty three boat crews provided search and capture coverage along most of the Louisiana coast. Field teams reported few sightings of oiled birds.
- Breton National Wildlife Refuge remains closed to public entry. Oil remains scattered over a small part of the west side of Breton's North Island.
- Aerial surveys will continue across the coast with emphasis focused on Louisiana's coast, the Chandeleur Islands, Breton and Delta NWRs, and the coasts of Mississippi and Alabama.
- Additional personnel were deployed to Bon Secour NWR along coastal Alabama after the presence of a few tar balls was confirmed on its shores.
- Service personnel working with BP to ensure over-flights occur twice daily in the morning and evening to ensure booming is deployed appropriately and any required maintenance is completed quickly.
- The wildlife rehabilitation center at Fort Jackson, Louisiana, is preparing to release as soon as tomorrow a Green heron.
- [Twenty five national wildlife refuges](#) could potentially be impacted.

The Response

- 184 Service personnel are involved in the oil spill response.
- Current efforts to mitigate impacts to refuges and wildlife in Louisiana continue as well as significant ongoing work to prepare for potential impacts across coast-line of Mississippi, Alabama and the west coast of Florida.
- Daily flights are ongoing to assess the location of oil, status of boom, and impacts on wildlife and habitat.

Wildlife Rehabilitation Centers

- Theodore, AL.
- Pensacola, FL.
- Fort Jackson, LA
- Gulfport, MS

The Spill by the numbers

- Total Vessels (including tugs and skimmers): More than 526
- Boom deployed: More than 1.4 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)
- Boom available: More than 1 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)
- Oil and Water Mix - Recovered: Approximately 5 million gallons
- Dispersant Used: Approximately 475,000 gallons
- Dispersant available: Approximately 215,000 gallons
- Overall Personnel Responding: Approximately 13,000
- 14 staging areas are in place and ready to protect sensitive shorelines. These areas include:

Dauphin Island, Ala.
Orange Beach, Ala.
Theodore, Ala.
Panama City, Fla.
Pensacola, Fla.
Amelia, La.
Cocodrie, La.
Grand Isle, La.
Shell Beach, La.
Slidell, La.
Venice, La.
Biloxi, Miss.
Pascagoula, Miss.
Pass Christian, Miss.